- 1. Let Ab denote the category of abelian groups and let D be the contravariant functor from Ab to Ab which takes A to  $\text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{Z})$ . (What does it do to homomorphisms?) Prove that the evaluation mapping  $\epsilon: A \to DD(A)$  defines a natural transformation from the identity functor to DD.
- 2. Let M be a monoid and let  $Ens_M$  denote the category of M-sets. Let  $F: Ens_M \to Ens$  denote the forgetful functor.
  - Show that for  $m \in M$ , left multiplication by m defines a natural transformation  $\lambda(m): F \to F$ . Show that the map  $\lambda: M \to \text{End}(F)$  is an isomorphism of monoids.
  - Show that m belongs to the center of M, if and only if  $\lambda(m)$  defines a natural transformation  $I \to I$ , where  $I: Ens_M \to Ens_M$  is the identity functor
- 3. (Yoneda). Let C be a category and let X be an object of C. Recall that if  $T \in Ob(C)$ , then  $h_X(T) := Arr_C(T, X)$ , and if  $\theta \in Arr_C(T, T')$ , then  $h_X(\theta) : h_X(T') \to h_X(T)$  sends h to  $h \circ \theta$ .
  - (a) Verify that  $h_X$  is a contravariant functor from C to Ens.
  - (b) Suppose that F is any contravariant functor from C to Ens. If  $\xi \in F(X)$  and  $\theta \in h_X(T)$ , let  $\hat{\xi}_T(\theta) := F(\theta)(\xi)$ . Thus  $\hat{\xi}_T : h_X(T) \to F(T)$ . Show that  $\hat{\xi}$  defines a natural transformation  $h_X \to F$ .
  - (c) Show that  $\xi \to \hat{\xi}$  induces a bijection from F(X) to the class of natural transformations  $h_X \to F$ . (Hint: To define a map in the other direction: If  $\eta$  is such a natural transformation, look at  $\eta_X(\mathrm{id}_X) \in F(X)$ .)
  - (d) Show that Cayley's theorem for monoids is a special case and weak version of Yoneda's theorem, by interpreting Yoneda's theorem as follows. View a monoid M as a category with one object p, so that M = End(p). Show that a covariant functor from M to Ens amounts to a left M-set, and that a contravariant functor from M to Ens amounts to a right M-set. In particular, what is  $h_p$  as a right M-set? What are the natural transformations  $h_p \to h_p$ ? What does Yoneda say and how does it imply Cayley?